GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department - Diversion of 0.03 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.211 & 212, Markapur RF, Pullalacheruvu Beat, Y. Palem Range, Project Tiger Division, Markapur for construction of Mobile Tower for provision of 4G based mobile services at MHA identified locations in Left Wing Extremism (LWE-II) affected areas falling in Garapenta Village, Pullalacheruvu Mandal, Prakasam District in favour of Project Manager, M/s. Bharti Airtel Ltd., Gurugram, Haryana – Permission - Accorded.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.3 **Dated 22.01.2025**
Read the following:-

1)From the PCCF & HoFF., A.P, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15026/2/2024-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dated 20.03.2024.
2)State Govt. Lr.No.740/Sec.II/2024/2410700, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.II) Dept., dated 26.04.2024.
3)From GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Vijayawada, Online Proposal No.FP/AP/OTHERS/463786/2024, dated 14.05.2024.
4)From PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15026/2/2024-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dated 26.11.2024.
5)State Govt.Lr.No.740/Sec.II/2024/2410700, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.II) Dept., dated 20.12.2024.
6)From the GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, online proposal No.FP/AP/OTHERS/463786/2024, dated 01.01.2025.

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ORDER:

In the letter first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for diversion of 0.03 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.211 & 212, Markapur RF, Pullalacheruvu Beat, Y. Palem Range, Project Tiger Division, Markapur for construction of Mobile Tower for provision of 4G based mobile services at MHA identified locations in Left Wing Extremism (LWE-II) affected areas falling in Garapenta Village, Pullalacheruvu Mandal, Prakasam District in favour of Project Manager, M/s. Bharti Airtel Ltd., Gurugram, Haryana.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, was sent to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai for according in-principle approval under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, have accorded in-principle approval under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for the proposal, subject to compliance with the conditions stipulated therein.

4. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, has furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval for onward submission to the GoI, MoEF&CC, for issuance of final approval for the above proposal and the same has been forwarded to the GoI, MoEF & CC, for the grant of final approval under section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, vide letter in the 5th read above.

5. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, have accorded final approval under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for "diversion of 0.03 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.211 & 212, Markapur RF, Pullalacheruvu Beat, Y. Palem Range, Project Tiger Division, Markapur for construction of Mobile Tower for provision of 4G based mobile services at MHA identified locations in Left Wing Extremism (LWE-II) affected areas falling in Garapenta Village, Pullalacheruvu Mandal, Prakasam District in favour of Project Manager, M/s. Bharti Airtel Ltd., Gurugram, Haryana", subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

6. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 0.03 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.211 & 212, Markapur RF, Pullalacheruvu Beat, Y. Palem Range, Project Tiger Division, Markapur for construction of Mobile Tower for provision of 4G based mobile services at MHA identified locations in Left Wing Extremism (LWE-II) affected areas falling in Garapenta Village, Pullalacheruvu Mandal, Prakasam District in favour of Project Manager, M/s. Bharti Airtel Ltd., Gurugram, Haryana, subject to the following conditions:-

1. General Conditions

Sl.No.	**Conditions**
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
1.2	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
1.3	No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
1.4	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.03 ha.**
1.5	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
1.6	The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
1.7	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
1.8	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
1.9	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
1.10	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
1.11	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
1.12	The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Forest Department and Regional Office by the end of March every year.
1.13	The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
1.14	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
1.15	The conditions required to be adhered under the Forests Right Act, 2006 as per the rules/guidelines issued under Van(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall be strictly complied with.
1.16	Violation of any of these conditions will amounts to violation of Van(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

2. Standard conditions

Sl.No.	Conditions
2.1	N/A

3.Specific conditions

Sl.No.	**Conditions**
3.1	The State Forest Department shall raise and maintain 100 number of seedlings in the degraded forest area identified by State Forest Department towards Compensatory Afforestation at the cost of the User Agency.
3.2	The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details.
3.3	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.

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The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of
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Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada – 520 010.

The Project Manager,
M/s. Bharti Airtel Ltd., Airtel Centre, Plot No.16, Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV, Gurugram - 122015, Haryana.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER